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On November 11th, Loni Saunders, Contract Specialist for Resource Management Branch, ASU-360 and Lee Chinn joined together as one.

Congratulations Loni & Lee! If you're trying to reach Loni by email her new name is Loni Chinn.
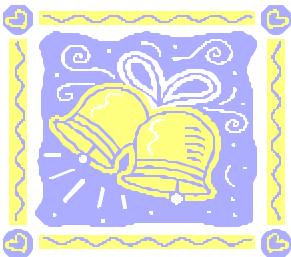
SAD NEWS

Richard Falco, Quality Reliability Officer for the Quality Assurance Division, ASU-200 passed away on November 5th. Rich worked at the Lockheed Martin Facility in Rockville, MD, on the DSR/URET and ECG programs. Rich had almost 20 years of Government service and worked on some of the Agency's most important programs over the years. He was a valuable member of the ASU-200 staff and was recognized for his many valuable contributions on a number of occasions. Rich will be greatly missed. He is survived by three brothers and a sister.

CIO

Congratulations! Certified Chief Information Officer (CIO) Gib Devey, Director of Acquisitions, ASU-1, has completed an extensive 1-week (8) courses CIO Certificate Program at Fort McNair Army Base, Information Resource Management College.
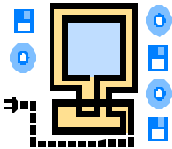
NEXT GENERATION MESSAGING for the FAA

NexGen to Replace cc:Mail

The FAA has chosen a new electronic mail system. On June 20, 2001, IBM was awarded a contract to provide NexGen to the FAA. The new software, Lotus Notes and Domino, along with associated IBM hardware, will provide more modern communication features and be more efficient. Starting this fall, and for the next 15 months, Lotus Notes will be replacing cc:Mail as well as adding calendaring and scheduling functionality. In FY03, we will add collaboration and workflow features to allow for electronic discussions and routing of routine documents. Eventually, other enhancements such as video conferencing may also be added as early as FY04.

About Lotus Notes

As the FAA transitions to Notes mail, we will explore ways to increase the security on our Mail System. Notes offers a number of security enhancements including the ability to encrypt messages and include digital signatures. These features will be considered for implementation over the various phases of the NexGen program. Notes is widely accepted in industry and in Federal Community, and is already used in parts of the FAA. Besides basic electronic mail, Notes has built-in capabilities for tasking ("To Do" lists, for instance) and multi-person calendaring. Other off the shelf features include an address book and a fully customizable interface that includes a Web Browser. Users will no longer maintain a continuous connection to the mail server. Instead, they will replicate mail to their workstation. This is a great reliability enhancement that allows users to read and compose mail offline. In the event of a network mail store problem, users will be able to

continue working with email. When back on line, mail will replicate normally. Mobile users will no longer dial into their respective post offices but instead only need to make an IP connection to the FAA network. There are several secure methods for making a remote connection including the Dial IP functionality provided by ADTN. When a user dials in using these methods, other FAA resources are available as well. Resources like the FAA Intranet and other Web based applications can be accessed. Web access to mail will be available on the Agency Intranet. If FAA security concerns can be addressed, Web access will be available via the Internet as well.

Improved Performance

NexGen will consolidate the 855 current cc:mail post offices into 12 message stores, which are the Notes equivalent to the present post offices. These message stores will be located in the 9 regional offices. The Aeronautical Center, the Technical Center, and HQ. The new system was designed with a high degree of fault tolerance, which will improve reliability and availability. Within the FAA mail system, delivery time will be under 15 minutes end to end.

How Does NexGen Affect Me?

Lotus Notes software will be installed on your computer, and you will receive computer-based instruction on how to use this new software. You may need to reduce the amount of mail in your Inbox and Folders in order to facilitate the migration process. Archiving your messages is a great way for you to lend us a hand in this monumental effort and ensure that all of your mail gets

migrated to the new system. On the day of migration, your individual post office will shut down and you will be without e-mail services. The goal is to minimize this down time to 4-8 hours. Once the migration of your post office is complete, you will use your new Lotus Notes software to access your e-mail. Finally, your local support personnel will assist you in migrating your archives and personal mail lists to the new system.

Implementation Schedule

Implementation at Headquarters, the nine Regional Offices, and the Aeronautical and Technical Centers will begin in November 2001, in the following order: AWA, AMC, ACE, ACT, AWP, AGL, ASO, AEA, ANM, ANE, AAL, ASW. Field offices will come on line throughout the calendar year 2002. A detailed schedule will be available soon on the NexGen Web site http://intranet. faa.gov/nexgen.

Got Questions?

The NexGen web site is continuously updated to respond to user questions. http:\\intranet.faa.gov/nexgen.
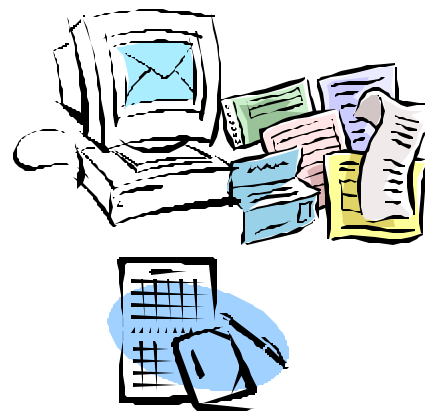
2002 ASU Model Work Environment Council Representatives

On Wednesday, November 28th, A Model Work Environment Reception was held. Gib Devey, Director of Acquisitions, ASU-1 and Deborah Wilson, Deputy Director, ASU-2 thanked the 2001 MWE Council Members for a Great Job and Welcomed the new members for 2002.
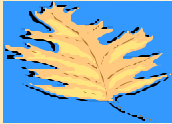
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OUR GREATEST WEALTH

We are born with two eyes in front because we must not always look behind, but see what lies ahead beyond ourselves.

We are born to have two ears-one left, one right so we can hear both sides, collect both the compliments and criticisms, to see which are right.

We are born with a brain concealed in a skull then no matter how poor we are, we are still rich, for no one can steal what our brain contains, packing in more jewels and rings than you can think.

We are born with two eyes, two ears, but one mouth for the mouth is a sharp weapon, it can hurt, flirt, and kill. Remember to: talk less, listen and see more.

We are born with only one heart, deep in our ribs it reminds us to appreciate and give love from deep within.